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ANNIHILATION DAY

A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE PUNCTURES THROUGH THE EDGE OF OUR UNIVERSE AND SLAUGHTERS MILLIONS OF WORLDS. THE MOMENT THIS ANNIHILATION WAVE TORE INTO OUR UNIVERSE IS MARKED AS ANNIHILATION DAY.

ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 7

XANDAR, THE HOME WORLD OF THE INTERGALACTIC PEACEKEEPING FORCE KNOWN AS THE NOVA CORPS, IS ATTACKED BY ANNIHILUS, THE WAVE'S UNDISPUTED RULER, AND HIS ARMADA. THE ENSUING BATTLE IS DEVASTATING. THE NOVA CORPS FALLS ALL TOO QUICKLY.

ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 11

RICHARD RIDER, THE LAST SURVIVING NOVA, INTERFACES WITH THE XANDARIAN WORLDMIND, THE PLANET'S SUPER-COMPUTER THAT CONTROLS THE NOVA FORCE. IN ORDER TO SAVE THE XANDARIAN CULTURE, THE WORLDMIND DOWNLOADS BOTH ITS POWER AND KNOWLEDGE DIRECTLY INTO NOVA'S BODY AND MIND. THE POWER IS SO GREAT THAT RICHARD FEARS LOSING CONTROL AND GOING INSANE.

AFTER UNLEASHING THE NOVA FORCE ON AN ANNIHILATION WAVE BATTLESHIP, NOVA FALLS BACK TO THE RUINS OF XANDAR WHERE HE MEETS DRAX THE DESTROYER AND CAMMI, TWO SURVIVORS OF THE GENOCIDE.

THE THREE FIND A NOVA CORPS SHIP AND ARE RESCUED IN SPACE BY THE EARTH-HERO QUASAR, PROTECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE. QUASAR BRINGS THE TRIO TO NYCOS ARISTEDES, A REFUGE FOR THOSE FLEEING THE ANNIHILATION WAVE. NOVA AND DRAX AGREE TO HELP QUASAR'S EVACUATION EFFORTS JUST AS THE WAVE DESCENDS UPON THE PLANET. NOVA CREATES A GIANT STARGATE TO EVACUATE THE REFUGEES, BUT THE OPERATION WILL TAKE TIME—TIME THEY DON'T HAVE. THE ANNIHILATION WAVE IS UPON THE CONVOY.

LIGHT-YEARS AWAY, ANNIHILUS SENSES THE GREAT POWER NOVA HAS UNLEASHED. HE SETS OUT TO FIND THE SOURCE AND DESCENDS UPON THE EVACUATION EFFORT.



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**NYCOS ARISTEDES.
ANNIHILATION DAY, PLUS 11.**

THE LAST
OF THE REFUGEES
ARE TAKING OFF, DRAX.
SHOULDN'T WE BE GOING
WITH THEM RATHER THAN,
YOU KNOW, NOT?

SOON.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK'S GOING
ON UP THERE?

DUNNO.

BUT THERE'LL
BE A FAN INVOLVED.
A FAN--AND SOMETHING
HITTIN' IT.

NOVA! WAIT!
STOP! NOT ON
YOUR OWN!

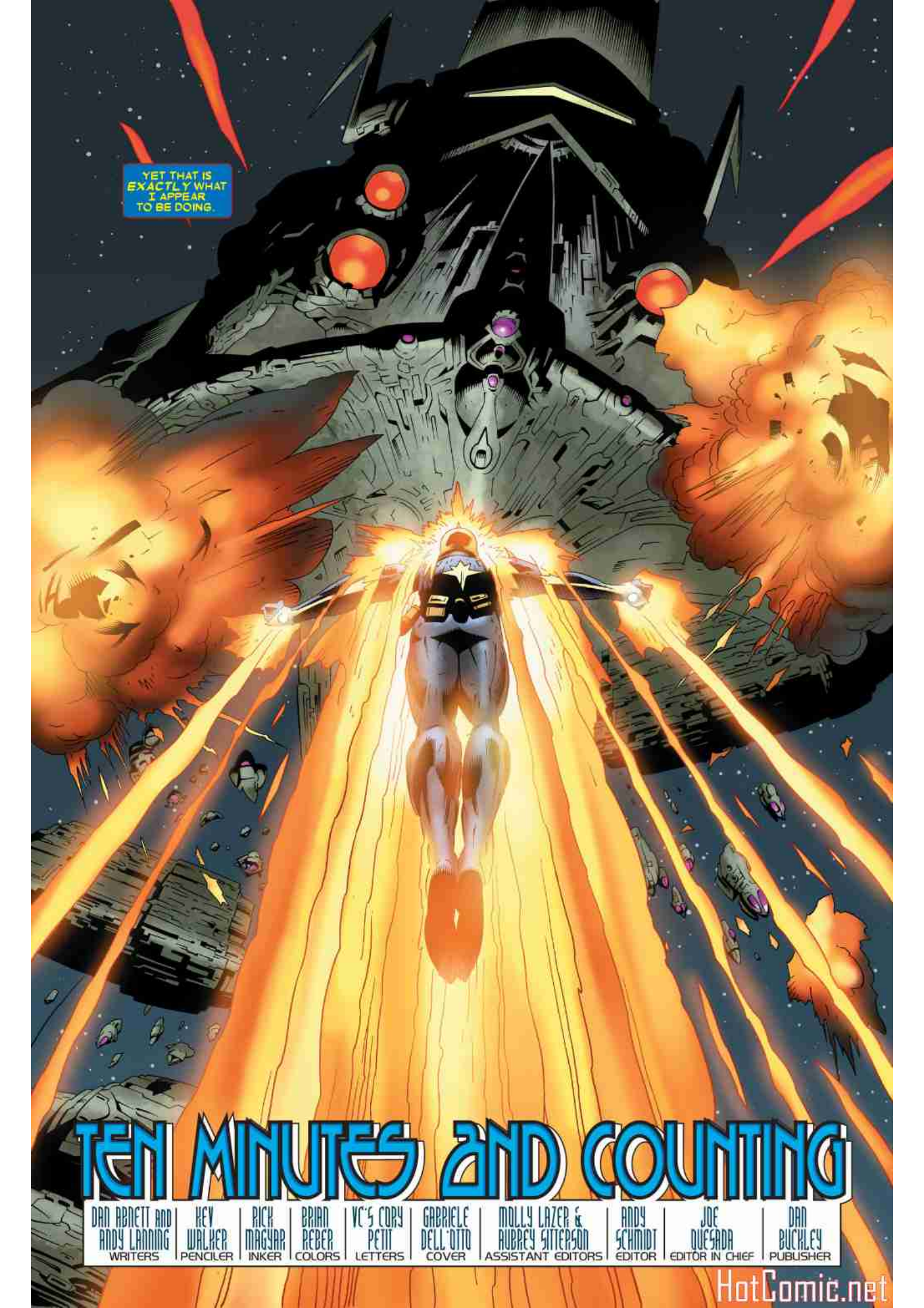
ATTENTION.

QUASAR IS ATTEMPTING
TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU
VIA THE SUB-ETHERIC LINK.

HE IS ADVISING YOU
AGAINST MOUNTING A
FRONTAL ASSAULT ON
THE ENEMY BATTLE
GROUP ALONE.

I MUST
CONCUR WITH HIS
RECOMMENDATION.

REALLY?



YET THAT IS
EXACTLY WHAT
I APPEAR
TO BE DOING.

TEN MINUTES AND COUNTING

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EIGHTEEN POINT SIX MILLION
AAKONIAN COLONISTS,
WORLDWIND, ALL TRYING TO
GET THE HELL OUT OF DODGE.

THEY'RE POURING THROUGH THE
STARGATE NOW, BUT IT'S GOING
TO BE A WHILE YET BEFORE
THEY'RE ALL SAFELY AWAY.

APPROXIMATELY TWELVE
POINT EIGHT MINUTES
AND RUNNING, RICHARD, GIVEN
CURRENT PROJECTIONS.

THANK YOU, SEE?
THAT'S THE TIME I
HAVE TO BUY FOR
THEM.



THE ANNIHILATION
WAVE'S OUTRIDERS
ARE ALREADY HAMMERING
THE COLONISTS' REAR
FORMATIONS. HUNDREDS
ARE DYING. THOUSANDS.



I'M GOING TO
DO ALL I CAN
TO KEEP THE
WAVE ITSELF
OCCUPIED.







NOVA?
I
GOT YOUR
BACK.



OF COURSE
WE CAN HAVE YOU
SEEN US?

I HAVE THE
QUANTUM BANDS. YOU
HAVE THE NOVA FORCE.
WE CAN MAKE THIS THE
HARDEST TEN MINUTES
THEY'VE EVER
KNOWN.

ATTENTION. ROUTING
SUB-ETHERIC LINK FROM
PLANET'S SURFACE--

--AX,
REPEAT,
THIS IS DRAX.
ANSWER ME
NOW.

DRAX?
WHERE ARE
YOU?

SURFACE COMMAND.
EVERYONE ELSE HAS
GONE, HEADED FOR
THE STARGATE. WE'RE
THE LAST ONES
HERE.

YOU GOTTA
GET OUT TOO,
DRAX. YOU AND
CAMMI. THE WAVE
IS COMING RIGHT
AT YOU.

I KNOW. I
CAN SEE IT ON
THE DISPLAY. WE'RE
LEAVING. BUT I
HAD TO DO THIS
FIRST.

FORGET
THE SMALL
STUFF.

DEFINE
"SMALL
STUFF?"

HEAD FOR
THE HEART OF
THE WAVE. THE
CAPITAL SHIPS.

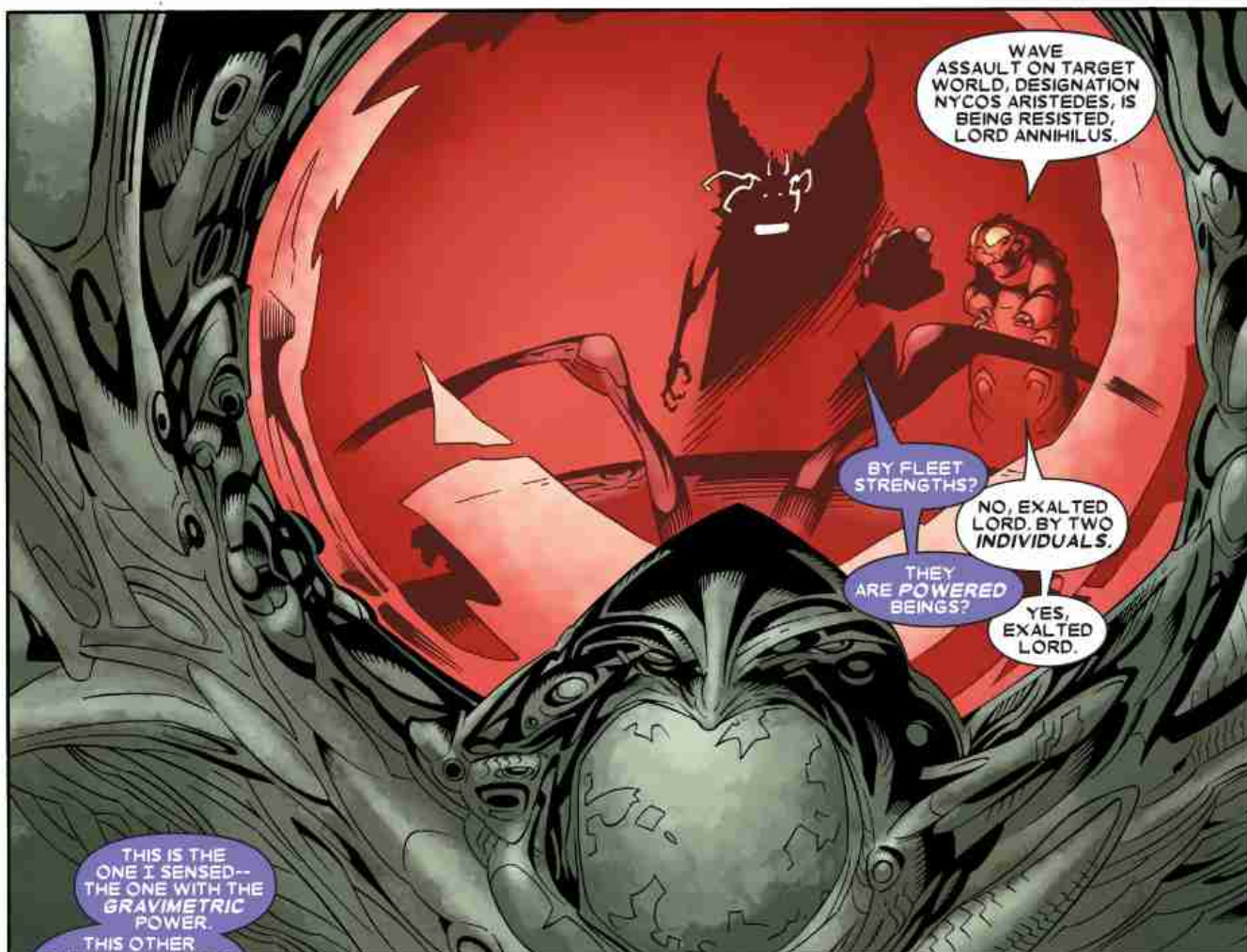
ALL OF
THIS. THE WHOLE
SHOOTING MATCH.
IT'S DOWN TO
ONE GUY.

ANNIHILUS.

DRAX,
ARE YOU
SURE?

WHO'S
ANNIHILUS?





WAVE
ASSAULT ON TARGET
WORLD, DESIGNATION
NYCOS ARISTEDES, IS
BEING RESISTED,
LORD ANNIHILUS.

BY FLEET
STRENGTHS?

NO, EXALTED
LORD. BY TWO
INDIVIDUALS.

THEY
ARE POWERED
BEINGS?

YES,
EXALTED
LORD.

THIS IS THE
ONE I SENSED--
THE ONE WITH THE
GRAVIMETRIC
POWER.

THIS OTHER
ONE ALSO RADIATES
ENERGY. NOT SO
BRIGHT, BUT STILL...
APPETIZING.

I WILL
ACQUIRE THESE
ENERGIES FOR THE
COSMIC CONTROL
ROD. THIS OBJECTIVE
SUPERSEDES THE
ANNEXATION OF
THE PLANET.



EXTEND
WAVE FORMATION
ALONG THESE
PARAMETERS.

THIS EXPOSES
OUR PRINCIPAL
VESSELS TO THEIR
DIRECT ATTACK.

EXACTLY.
LET THEM IN.
LET THEM COME
FOR ME.



I WANT
TO GREET THEM
PERSONALLY.



YOU'RE CLOSE TO THEIR COMMAND GROUP. I READ A GAP.

POUR IT ON. BREAK THROUGH.

YEAH, THANKS. YOU COME UP HERE AND TRY DOING THIS.



IF I COULD STILL FLY, I WOULD.

STILL, SOME OF THEM MIGHT LAND.

WELL, WE *GRAVIMETRICS*

WHAT'S HAPPENED?



NOVA? QUASAR?

LOST THE LINK. INTERFERENCE.

INTERFERENCE?

ELECTRO-MAG PULSE OF WEAPONS, DRIVE WASH. GRAVIMETRICS. SHIELD NOISE.



SO WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THEM? WE CAN'T TALK TO THEM?

NO.



THEY'RE ON THEIR OWN UP THERE?

OR THEY'RE DEAD.



ATTENTION. INCREASING
NOVA FORCE SUPPLY TO
YOUR BIO-PATTERN.

YOU CAN'T
GIVE ME TOO
MUCH.

NOVA?
YOU STILL
WITH ME?

DEFINITELY.
ON THREE...AND
LET ME DO THE
TALKING.

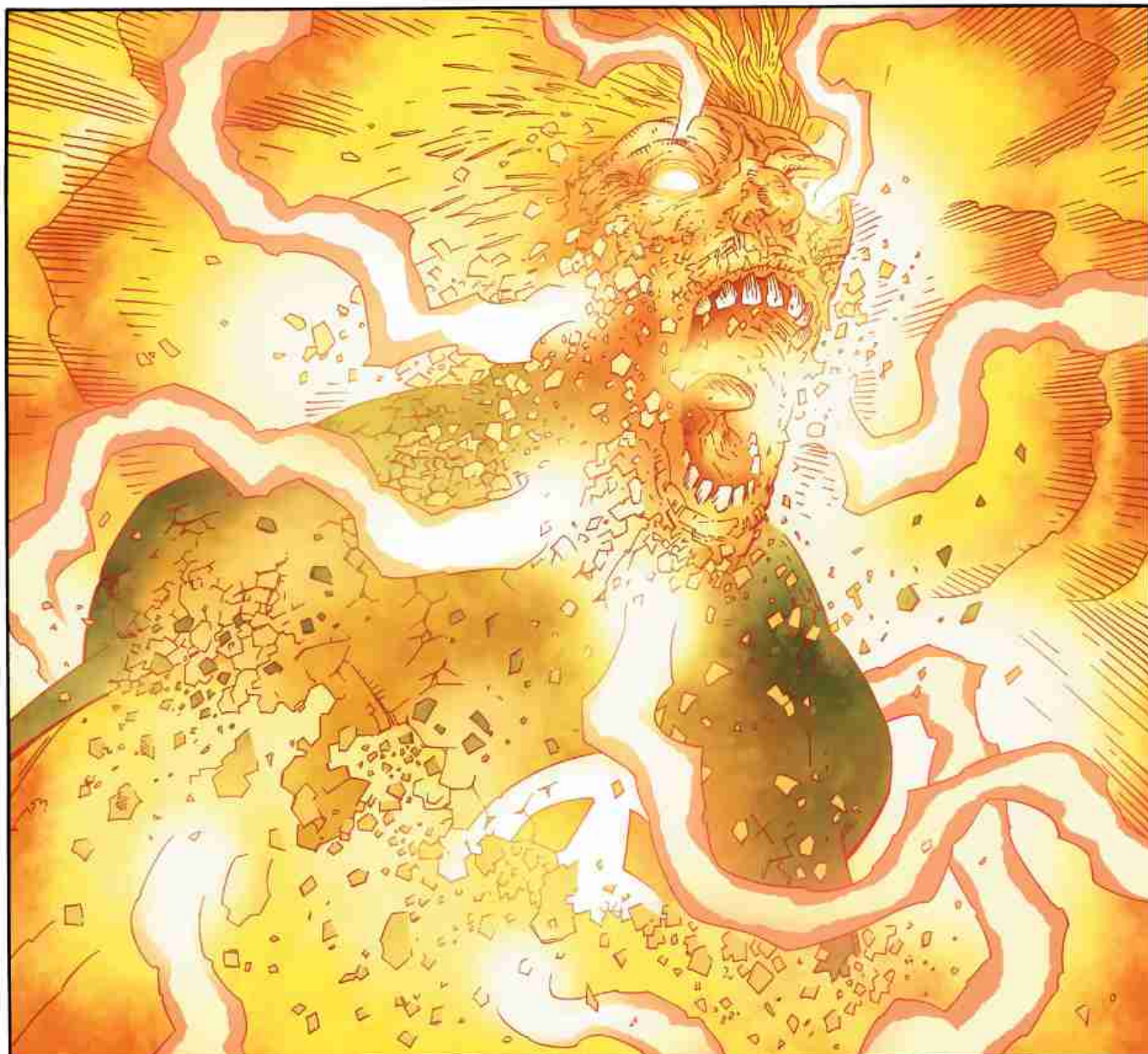
AH,
SCRATCH
THAT--

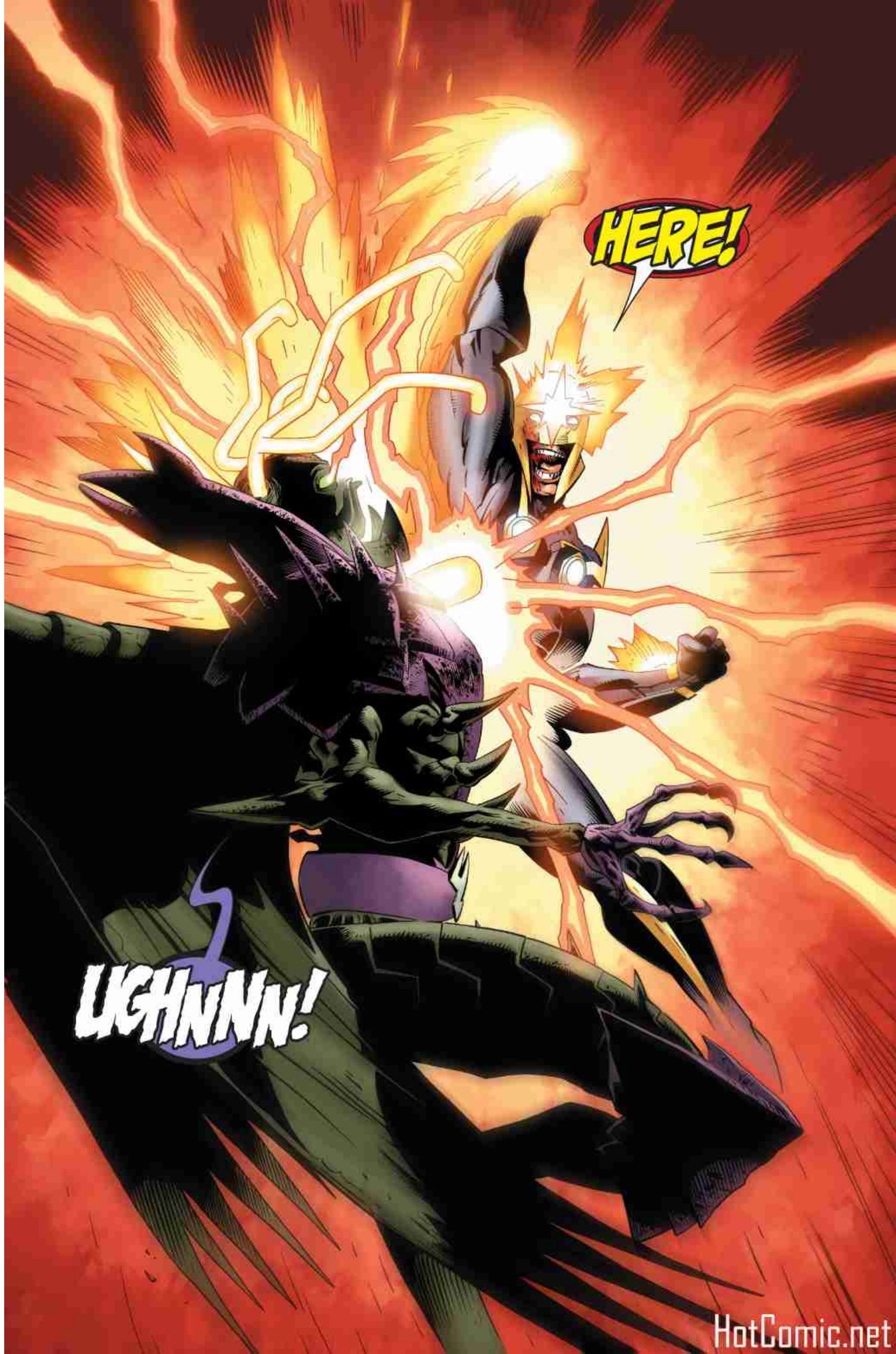
JUST
SMOKE
HIM!

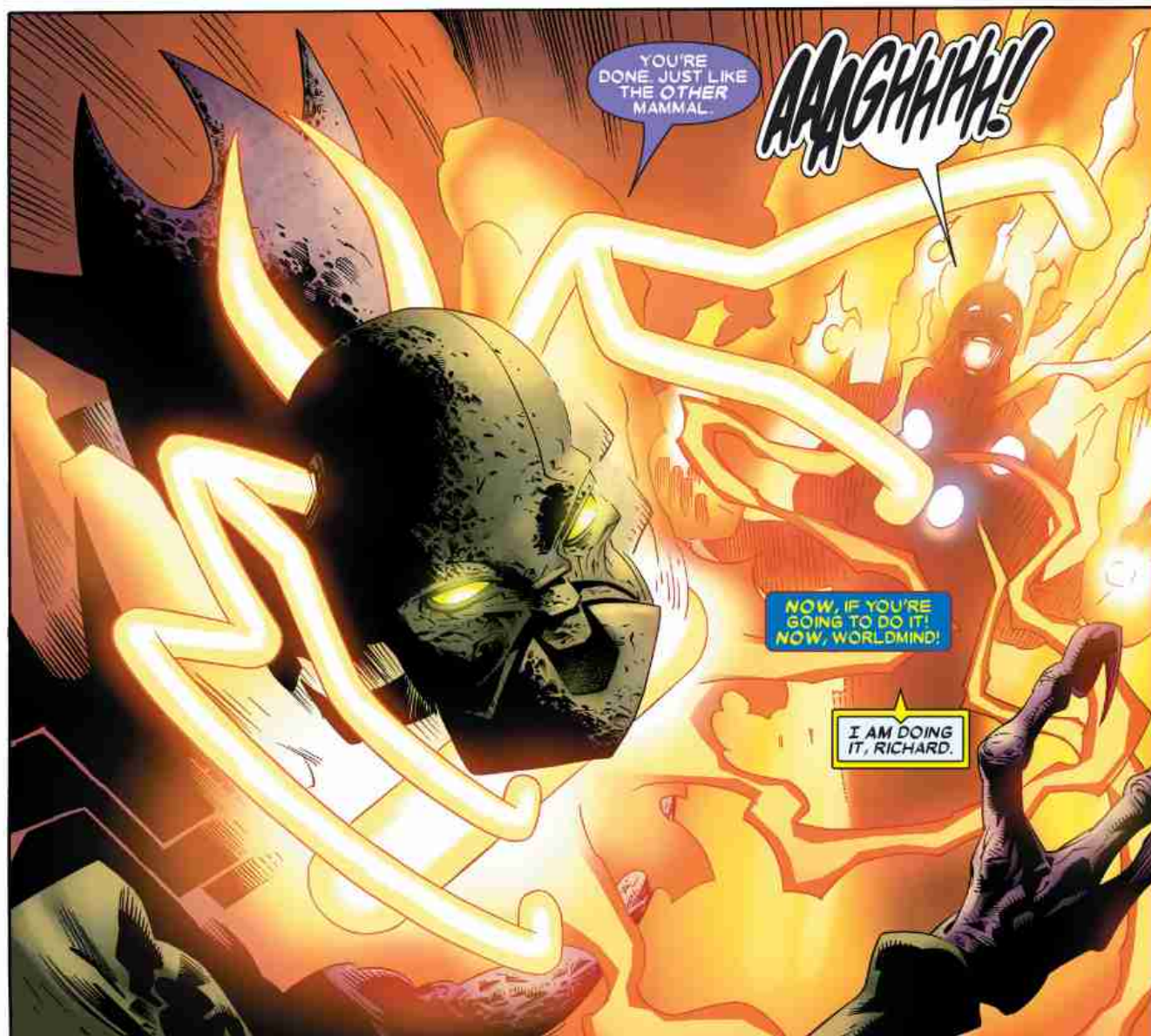
















...SIDES, I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT IF I STAND HERE MUCH LONGER, I'M GONNA PASS OUT.

RICHARD? ATTENTION, I AM BOOSTING YOUR HEAL- AND-REPAIR SYSTEMS.

RICHARD? NOVA? I AM CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CARDIAC RHYTHM. RICHARD?

RICHARD? RICHARD?



DIVULGE!

EIGHTY-SEVEN ELEMENTS OF THE WAVE IN THIS LOCALITY ARE FIGHTING THEMSELVES, EXALTED ONE.

WE CANNOT RESCIND THE ORDERS.



INSTRUCT IMMEDIATE SELF-TERMINATION ON ALL ELEMENTS AFFECTED.

DESTROY ALL UNITS THE XANDARIAN MANAGED TO TURN AGAINST US. NOW.

YES, EXALTED ONE!



AND ORDER THE WAVE TO RETREAT FROM THIS LOCATION. WE WILL RECOMPOSE AND RENEW THE ASSAULT IN ANOTHER CYCLE.

I WON'T BE TRICKED THAT WAY A SECOND TIME.

ATTENTION.

IT IS CRITICAL
THAT YOU PAY
ATTENTION.

THERE IS NO
ONE LEFT ALIVE
EXCEPT YOU.

YOU HAVE SUSTAINED PHYSICAL
INJURY. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT
YOU ARE PSYCHOLOGICALLY
DISORIENTED BY SHOCK.

YOU NEED TO
FOCUS. YOU NEED
TO UNDERSTAND THE
CURRENT SITUATION.

RICHARD? NOVA?
PLEASE RESPOND.
RICHARD, IT'S TIME
TO WAKE UP.

THE
ANNIHILATION
WAVE HAS
WITHDRAWN.

NHHH...
WE...
WON...?



THE BATTLE. NOT THE WAR. NOT BY A LONG, LONG WAY.

BUT I AM PROUD OF YOU, NOVA 11249-44396.

MMH... THEN... THEN YOU WON'T MIND THAT I D-DON'T INTEND TO DO WHAT YOU ASKED ME.



I'M N-NOT GOING TO CARRY YOU TO SOME S-SAFE PLACE WHERE YOU CAN HIDE.

YOU'RE STAYING INSIDE ME.

YOU, RICHARD?

YEAH. NHH. LOOK AT WHAT WE DID. THINK WHAT WE CAN DO.



I...I CONCUR.

ATTENTION.

NOVA?

D-DRAX?



YOU C-CAME OUT HERE TO FIND ME? THAT'S ALMOST WARM.

JUST EXPEDIENCY. CAMMI AND I NEED TO LEAVE THIS SYSTEM. I NEED A STARGATE...

YOU'LL G-GET IT. JUST GIVE ME A HAND HERE... GOD, I HURT.





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